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February 7, 2003

Messrs. Fred and Marty Holley H&H Stone Company, Inc. P. O. Box 250 Dove Creek, Colorado 81324

Re: <u>Deficient Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Activities; H&H Stone</u> <u>Company, Inc.; Quarry on Richard Perkins's Land; S/037/117; San Juan County, Utah</u>

Dear Messrs. Holley:

On January 21, 2003, the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining received information you apparently submitted to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) for a quarry in the SW¹/₄ of Section 20, Township 38 South, Range 24 East, SLBM, San Juan County, Utah. We have created a file number of S/037/117 for this proposed project.

The Division of Oil, Gas and Mining regulates certain mining activities within the state of Utah and requires that you file a Notice of Intention to Commence Mining Operations (NOI) together with a permit fee which varies depending on the size of the operation. For operations up to five acres, the fee is \$150, between five and 50 acres it is \$500, and over 50 acres it is \$1000. This fee is assessed annually, based on the Division's fiscal year (July 1 – June 30). Bonding for reclamation costs is not required by the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining for operations disturbing less than five acres, but it is required for disturbances greater than five acres. The BLM requires bonding on all operations, regardless of the size.

The information you provided fulfills some of the NOI information requirements, but it is not complete. If you plan to disturb less than five acres, the NOI requirements are not extensive. but if you go over five acres, we will require baseline soils, vegetation, hydrology and other information in addition to more detail about the mine plan. Enclosed are copies of our forms MR-SMO and MR-LMO which are for small and large operations, respectively. Please complete the appropriate form and submit it to us. I am also enclosing a copy of the minerals rules.



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We have forwarded a copy of one of the maps you submitted to the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) for their comments or clearance concerning cultural or archaeological resources. Although it is not common to receive adverse comments from SHPO, it is possible an archaeological survey could be required, and if any significant sites are identified, it may be necessary to develop an avoidance or mitigation plan.

Please feel free to call me at 801-538-5261 if you need information about filling out the forms or about the permitting process. I will be glad to do what I can to help you. I understand from Ted McDougall that you have expressed an interest in meeting on site, and I'm sure this would be very beneficial for you and for me. Please call at your earliest convenience so we can arrange a time.

Sincerely,

Paul B. Baker

Senior Reclamation Biologist

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Enclosures: MR-SMO, MR-LMO, R647 rules cc: Ted McDougall, Monticello BLM O:\M037-SanJuan\s0370117H&H\final\H&Hdef.doc